

Andrew Jackson to W. N. Gwin, February 6, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MEMORANDUM OF JACKSON'S HORSES.

February 6, 1836.

memorandum for Dr. Gwinn who expresses a wish to purchase some well bred horses—the following of my stock are submitted for his examination at the prices annexed.

Stud, citizen, by stockholder, his dam by Pacolet, his grand dam by Truxton, his great grand dam the opossum filly 8 years old this spring price \$2000

Stud colt, 4 years old by Bolivar dam by virginian, Bolivar by oscar, out of Pacolet mare, same blood as citizen (*by dam side*) \$1000

My oscar filly, now eleven years old, sire oscar, dam by Pacolet, grand dam by Truxton G. grandam opossum filly \$500

Stockholder filly 5 years old dam by virginian, out of the mother of Sally McGee \$500

Tilly by carolinian, dam by Bagdad, Grand dam by Truxton g. grandam opossum filly \$500

Bagdad mare \$500

Citizen Stud colt 4 years old out of the oscar filly hipshot \$500

The Doctor can take two or three of the before described mares at the prices named and he can take one or all of the stud colts and stud horse named—he will examine the stock

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and if he likes them he can give a receipt to the overseer Mr Hobbs for them, in which he will state the prices Above set opposite to each, and when the contract is closed with A. Jackson jnr. for the tract of Land, if closed, I will receive an order on him for the amount, which when accepted by A. Jackson jnr. will be recd in full of the horses taken by Doctor Gwinn.¹

¹ In the Jackson MSS. are a number of detached statements about his horses. One of them will be found in vol. VI., dated Oct. 15, 1843. It shows to what a state his personal fortune was reduced when it was written. Another, referring to more prosperous days, is as follows:

“Pedigree of Blooded Stock, Raised by Genl. A. Jackson, Hermitage, Valued and Sold to F. Davis, Esq., Miss.”

Valued \$800 No. 1—A beautiful dark bay or brown filley fine size, form, and action—over 2 years old, Her Sire, Mambrino (and he by old American Eclipse) Mambrino's dam—Grand Dutchess—owned by Genl Irwine of Pa. She produced Mengo, Busiris, Mambrino—all splendid runners—(refer to stud Book for *his* Eclipses Pedigree) we have her Pedigree in full—I will send it. The dam of No 1—Dianna—by Virginian—her dam by imported Knowsly—imported Dion—miades old celer Tristam shandy—the Knowsley mare above produced Rowlette—by Potomac—also the famous mare Sally Maghee of Va. Sister of Dianna above.

valued \$800 *died* No 2—a beautiful rich sorrel stud colt—above 2 years old Sire Mambrino, and he by Eclipse—His dam Flora her dam by Oscar—gran dam by Pacolet grat gran dam by old Truxton etc. etc. Flora's sire Arab—She by Sir Archie etc. etc.

valued \$500. No 3—A beautiful bay filley—2 years old Sire Pyamingo raised by Genl Jackson—his sire old Stockholder by Sir Archie, his dam by oscar etc. etc. Her dam a fine bay mare by imported Bagdad—her dam by Pacolet—gran dam by Truxton, great gran dam (the opossum filley—good)

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Valued, mare and colt \$900—and now in foal. No. 4—a Large and fine dark bay mare 5 years old—Sire Citizen, His dam by Pacolet—gran dam by old Truxton, great gran dam Oppossum filley—by old Stockholder and he by old Sir Archie of Va. etc. etc. Her dam Dianna—she is half-sister of the filley No. 1 (*on other Page*) see her Pedigree—She has a fine colt at her foot—dropped early this spring—Sire by Major A. J Donelsons Strap—old Mambrino—that took the colts race at Nashville not long since—dam out of Lady Nashville a celebrated racer—she is now stunted to imported Merman—and in foal.

For No. 2, Valued at \$800 No. 5—A fine bright sorrel mare—5 years old Sire old Stockholder by Sir Archie of Va. Her dam by Oscar—gran dam by Pacolet, great gran dam by old Truxton—she is fine—now in foal by imported Merman

I certify that the above Pedigrees are correct and valuation by me.

Andrew Jackson

Valued at \$500 No 5 Has a fine sorrel filley 2 years next spring—her sire by Mambrino—and he by Eclipse etc. etc.

[N. B. In the Jackson MSS. there is another manuscript differing slightly from this and so worded as to show that it was a copy made a few weeks later than this.]